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1971 QCWA ELECTIONS

We now have a new President and a new Vice President, and also some new members on the Board of Directors. We are well represented for the next two years, as the Officers and Board members are certainly spread around the country. We have a new Secretary, W2HX who has been very active in the Delaware Valley Chapter of QCWA. A few queries were received regarding the ballots, that is write-in votes, and the lack of candidates. The ballots were printed in accordance with Article VI Section 2, refer to this article you will understand that the ballots were printed within the guidelines as set forth therein.

As for candidates, the nominating committee can only nominate those members who desire to be an officer or board member. We received three petitions before the deadline, these were found to be in order, therefore their names were included on the ballot.

The President W2KW made the decision to count write-ins, and so tabulated for the record.

The President W2KW thanked the tellers W2CJ and W2FAR for their efficient handling of the ballots and the fine report they had submitted. The tellers report over 189 man hours were expended in tallying all the ballots. Many suggestions were received by the tellers, and a report will be submitted to the Board at their next board meeting.

The full report of the elections as submitted by the tellers follows: (see page 3)

1972 QCWA QSO PARTY

STARTS: 2400Z, Friday, February 11, 1972
(7:00 PM, EST, Friday the 11th)

ENDS: 2400Z, Sunday, February 13, 1972
(7:00 PM, EST, Sunday the 13th)

This years party will be sponsored by the Dallas Chapter of QCWA. Only members are eligible for the QCWA certificate and plaque donated by the Headquarters. Contacts with other QCWA members only will count toward the awards.

The contest is set up primarily to renew old acquaintances and to see just how many members you can contact. It has been suggested that overseas members call about 10 kHz high or low to the frequencies listed below, and that stateside members keep these frequencies clear except when in actual contact with the foreign station(s)..don't call CQ on top of them! Let's see if we can't get some really big multipliers this year!

This year, as we did last year, to add interest, a simple point scoring system will be incorporated. One point will be counted for each QCWA member contacted. Repeats on other bands do not count! The sum of your contacts will be multiplied by the sum of the States, Canadian Provinces, Maritime Mobiles, and countries other than the U. S. and Canada that you contacted to determine your final score. District of Columbia counts as a State! Your log should read as follows: Nr. (his & mine), date/time group, call of station contacted, QTH, Frequency, RST, name and QCWA membership number!

ACTIVITY WILL BE FOUND NEAR THE FOLLOWING FREQUENCIES

CW - 3580, 7080, 14080, 21080 and 28080 kHz

SSB/AM - 3980, 7280, 14280, 14345, 21380, 21445 & 28580

RTTY - 3595-3600, 7095-7100, 14095-14100, 21070-21075
and 28070-28075 kHz

Mail your log to L. F. Heithecker, W5EJ, 1409 Cooper Dr., Irving, Texas 75061, to reach him by March 11, 1972.

The Dallas Chapter announces that it will award a special QCWA Silver Anniversary Certificate to every member who files a log showing at least one QCWA contact. The 25th QCWA Anniversary Certificates will be endorsed with a serial number (your rank in the contest) and with the total number of QCWA members you contacted! CQ QCWA!

ELECTION RESULTS

For President: K7UGA 1915 Votes Vice President W6ATC 3299
W2ALS 1469 Votes

For Treasurer: W2HQR 3236 votes - For Secretary W2HX 2226
W5EJ 1108

For Board Members: W2KH 3206 votes; W8KW 3251 votes;
W4YK 3253 votes; W3RE 3242 votes;
W2KW 3175 votes;

Others: W2PF 3 votes; W5NC 8 votes; W5111 2 votes; W1WY 2
W0AY 6 votes

Balloting by districts: 1st-212; 2d-568; 3d-345; 4th-412
5th-251; 6th-513; 7th-274; 8th-380; 9th-172; 0-171; KP-KH-
KG-KL's-26, VE's-36 Foreign 27. 5 ballots voided. A total
of 3389 ballots were received.

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ASSISTANT EDITOR

W5EJ L. F. Heithecker is our assistant editor. He will be
a great help in preparing the QCWA news and gathering
material to be used. Send all news items to him at his
address; 1409 Cooper Drive, Irving Texas, 75060. W2JE
will continue to be editor, all news will be typed and
made ready for the printer by W5EJ, W2JE will do the
layout as usual and submit to the printer ready for "Camera

In our next issue photographs of the new QCWA officers and
members of the board will be presented. We had so much news
for this issue that we could not find space to include the
pictures.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

The President and Board of QCWA, express their sincere
best wishes to all members for a Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year. May the New Year bring to all of you and
your families the best of health, prosperity and enduring
friendships.

CHAPTER NEWS

CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA(W8ESQ) - The chapter members manned
a booth at the West Virginia State ARRL Convention on July
3 and 4, held at Jackson's Mill, WV. The chapter members
answered questions about ARRL and the QCWA. The following
members registered at the booth: W4ACY, W8JM, W4KFC, W8ESQ
W8BOK, W3KYS, W3MAH, W8QR, W4JK, W8SJC, W4GF, W4BNU, W3UJ,
W8PZT, W8AFB, W3WM, W8NTV, W8AKQ, W8NR, and W8RZ. The
chapter will schedule a meeting for Sept 25, in Charleston.

HEADQUARTERS NEWS (W5EJ)

The 24th QCWA Annual Dinner-meeting, was held on Oct 22, at Tarrytown, N. Y. So far the comment heard is unanimous - the best annual dinner meeting ever! About 140 members and xyl's and friends were on hand for the wonderful get-together. There were two hours of visiting and getting acquainted before dinner was served. The food was excellent, the service was all that could be desired and the environment was perfect. Following the dinner, Clarence Seid, W2KW made introductions and chaired the meeting. One of the highlights was the awarding of 18 of the coveted 50 year QCWA service awards. Gus Girona W2JE, our genial manager presented the following members their awards: W1ANA, W2CF, W2CHC, W2AEW, W2AFZ, K2AO, W2BYD, K2CV, K2EP, W2FZ, W2HF, W2JBF, W2RX, W2HO, W2VHC, W2WW, W2YP and W2ZK. There was so much excitement during this presentation of certificates that no full group picture could be taken! Frank Gunther, W2ALS, made a short speech outlining some of the problems faced in running for Office - all in good humor and equally applicable to W2ALS and W5EJ! The main attraction of the meeting was the guest speaker, Bud Waite W2ZK. Bud has been associated with most of the Arctic and Antarctic exploration carried out by Adm. Byrd since 1930. Bud carried on a fine commentary while showing striking color pictures taken during his stays in the cold lands. All on hand agreed that they could have listened to Bud for another hour. Many commented that they would like to have the entire program presented again!

After the fine program by Bud, prizes were drawn, based on the dinner tickets. Man, there were a lot of fine prizes! Those of us who attended the meeting, enjoying old friends and making new friends want to express our thanks to those who made it possible. Prizes, and there were plenty of them were arranged by Mark Devaney. Arrangements for the Hilton Inn, the Dinner Menu, decorations, registration, & a million other details were handled by A. J. Girona, W2JE our fine general manager - Gus, I know that I am speaking for Officers and members alike in saying thank you! (W5EJ)

MORE NOTES

If you are planning on attending SAROC, see the notice on page 7:

It's time again to remind all members to look at your 10 cards - if it expires Dec 31, 1971, it's time to send in \$7.00 for the next three years dues. Statements will be sent out, but they might get lost in the mail, so check now and mail right now, before you forget.

The new year book will soon go to press, check your name & address as listed on this newsletter, if there are any changes in call signs addresses, etc., let me know now, or it will go into the 1972-73 QCWA callbook as listed. Also please note that 50 year awards for 1972 must be applied for, send for application before Sept 1, 1972.



Clarence Seid, W2KW
at the microphone,
Frank Gunther, W2ALS
and A. J. Gironda,
W2JE at the head
table, October 22,
1971, at Tarrytown,
New York, 24th
Annual Dinner!

Our new QCWA
Secretary, A. G.
Wentzel, W2HX just
after partaking of
good food at the
Tarrytown dinner
meeting!



More Tarrytown Diners - the photographer gave up - see if
you can find yourself in this picture!

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Northwest Chapter News

Dr. Spike, W7DS - Lots of news from Dr. Spike this time - First. The NW Chapter on-the-air nets began right after Labor Day. The schedule is as follows:

7260 kHz 12:00 week days and Sundays
W7AG is Net Control on weekdays
W7GRE or W7FL on Sunday with W7QA alternate.

3655 kHz 0830 Sunday. W7MEA or W7LQ as net control

3955 kHz 1500 Sunday, W7AG net control

3955 kHz 0930 First Sunday of each month, NW Chapter Board Meeting on the air.

Note: All times are Pacific local time!!!!

At the Annual Chapter Meeting held at Wenatchee, the following officers were declared elected as a result of mail vote.

Dewey Wilson, W7HF	Chairman
Kenneth Sullivan, W7AGV	Vice Chairman
Harold Johnston, W7PN	Secretary

The Chairman appointed Warren, W7JY as Curator; George, W7IC on Membership; Doc, W7DS as National Representative. Dewey is still Historian and Ray, W7LQ heads the nominating committee for next year.

Section one is scheduled to have had a dinner on November 6 at the Lake City Elks Club! L. T. Raymond, W7CLN is the representative for Section 1.

Silent Key - Mr. Norman R. Hodd, W7ZO passed away on August 14, 1971 at the age of 74 years, while on a world tour, in Rome. Norman was a very active amateur and was noted for his relays on the early National Trans-continental nets.

Byron D. Richards, K7AII, of Silverton, Oregon is recovering from heart surgery; Joe Hallock, W7YA, of Portland has been recuperating from a heart attack; Howard S. Pyle, W7OE has been in the hospital for surgery and it is likely he will be going in again soon for plastic surgery; Paul E. Hacker of Caldwell, Idaho was hospitalized in September and we hope he is recovering satisfactorily.

Doctor Spike, membership historian of the Radio Club of Tacoma reports the Club is 55 years old and recently a homecoming meeting was held. It was most interesting to see and chat with so many of the real old timers, many of which are QCWA members.

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Terrytown Tremors:

It has been reported that some of the Directors of QCWA were overheard discussing the possibility of QCWA as an entity taking stands on matters of concern to the organization. For example, they were thinking of matters such as modernization of FCC rules dealing with Amateur Radio licensing - matters dealing with allocation of frequencies for amateur use, etc.

In the past QCWA has generally not taken a stand on matters which might be controversial in nature. It seems to your reporter that this policy is not in keeping with the stature and experience of our members and officers. Now, we all agree that if we don't take a stand on anything, then we certainly won't have very many differences in opinion. In a negative way such a policy promotes unity among the membership. If UNITY is the banner under which we wish to rally, then perhaps it is best to have no opinion. However this policy puts our membership in the classification of ostriches with their heads in the sand - - they don't argue much, but neither do they see events which might sweep them off their feet.

It seems reasonable to assume that QCWA membership, taken as a whole, is by its nature (twenty-five years of experience required for membership) above average in intelligence and tolerance, and that we do have opinions and that these opinions should be heard and should be allowed to have effect on matters of importance affecting our hobby- amateur radio. . . It is certain that with a membership of above average perception, there will be differences of opinion among our membership on the proper approach to problems. It is equally certain that such differences can be a great challenge to all of us, and that we may learn by association and discussion, and that finally QCWA, as a whole can, through its officers, bring to bear a potent force of opinion which can sway our law-makers and other users of the radio-spectrum to respect our considered opinion.

In this connection it is well to clarify one point - - - those who were discussing these points were vigorous in stating that opinions bearing on religious, political, racial, etc., matters are considered personal and that QCWA as an organization has no business or intent to either discuss or take a stand thereon!

If you have opinions on this matter, write to the National office, indicate whether you would object to having your opinions printed over your name.

News from the Southern California Chapter:

The Southern California Chapter has had a pretty busy year- The spring Dinner held in Inglewood was attended by 150 followed by the June 27 meeting at W6AM's antenna farm in Rolling Hills which was attended by 50 members - then, the Chapter sponsored a QCWA booth at the ARRL Convention September 3-5 at Anaheim...and then, in between times the Chapter submitted petitions nominating K7UGA, W6ATC, W5EJ W2NQR and W4YK for positions in the National QCWA offices.

Bob Killion, W6PG the new secretary-treasurer of the Chapter, reports that the Fall Dinner Meeting was held on October 23, 1971 in the ballroom of the Petroleum Club in Long Beach, California....Attendance was 218...Entertainment was provided by Doctor Charles Moser, W6MS who showed a beautifully done color movie taken on a recent trip he and W6MAB with their xyl's made to Tahiti, Moorea and American Samoa. Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, who had been inaugurated as Vice President of QCWA at Tarrytown, N. Y. just the evening before presented a 50-year service award to Harry Barner, W6FGR. Mr. Gartsman also relayed a message of greeting to Chapter members from Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, newly elected President of QCWA.

New Officers of the Southern California Chapter were installed. The new officers are:

Norm Henkel, K6BA	Chairman
John Stagnaro, W6MAB	Vice Chairman
Bob Killion, W6PG	Sec'y-Treasurer
Alvino Rey, W6UK	Director
Bert Ayers, W6CL	Historian

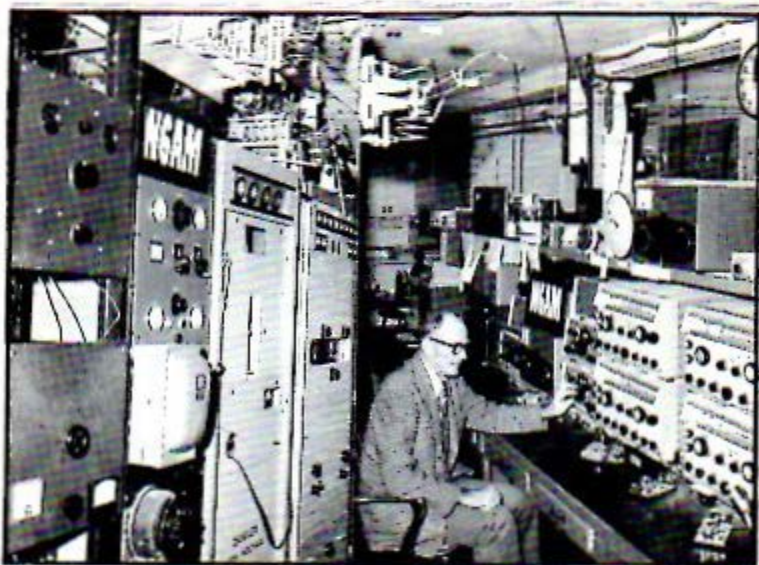
The Chapter plans on sponsoring a QCWA Booth and hospitality room at the SAROC CONVENTION in Las Vegas, January 6 - 9, 1972.

SPECIAL NOTICE SAROC

A meeting of QCWA members will be held in the QCWA hospitality room Sunday January 9th, 1972, the all will repair to the SAROC breakfast.



Honored Member, Harry Barner, W6FGR, receives the 50-year QCWA service award from Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, Vice President of QCWA, at the October 23, 1971 Dinner Meeting held by the Southern California Chapter, QCWA.



W6AM--for more than 50 years one of our best known amateur calls - and finally a fine composite picture of Don Wallace and the "inside" works. Don was host to 50 QCWA members at his rhombic antenna farm, a visit long to be remembered by all who attended. The picture was taken and prepared by Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL

June 27, 1971

Michigan Chapter News

The Michigan Chapter summer picnic was held Wednesday, August 11, 1971 at Kenwood Park in Cadillac, Michigan. The meeting was attended by 64 persons, 31 of which were QCWA members. Ed Prested, W9IAC, secretary of the Chapter reports that the best way to get good attendance at a meeting is to announce that everyone attending will get a prize. Hi...W9WI presented a prize of a very good tube of 1920 vintage - lots of laughs and enjoyment as each of those present opened their package! The x-yl's prepared a fine feast for all and there was discussion about the Sunday morning meeting on the air - and the flower fund was replenished. It was a fine meeting enjoyed by all!

News from New Mexico

Einar Morterud, W5FPB reports that the QCWA exhibit which he arranged and manned at the New Mexico Hamvention during September was a great success. A QCWA session was held during which time members from other Chapters were asked to describe Chapter activities. Some pretty well known names were in attendance - W7ZC, David Middleton; W85IN Chic Cotterell, ARRL Director and others. The Saturday evening Speaker was W8BUO, Charles Compton, First Vice President of ARRL. It was a fine meeting!

The Reading Chapter (W3GII) Bob writes to report that the Reading Chapter is very much alive and active, with four meetings annually, usually held in connection with a picnic or dinner. The Chapters June meeting was held at the home of W3CJP. On September 14th the fall meeting was held at Reeser's Restaurant on Route 61. 15 members from the Reading Chapter, 5 members of the Anthracite Chapter plus 3 prospective members were in attendance, with x-yl's, for a total of 36 persons on hand. The meeting was judged to be the best meeting held to date. The December meeting is planned to be a social affair, either dinner or covered dish social. Present officers of the Chapter are:

Horace Good, W3KAY	Chairman
Robert Wagner, W3GII	Secretary

Bob, we want to congratulate you and your Chapter for the nice report - and please send us some pictures of the December meeting - about 4 x 5 would be just right, Hi.

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Just a reminder - if you know of any QCWA member who is sick, send him a card, or visit him if possible. Try to remember birthdays and send a card or call him with good wishes. It's a good thing to do - the QCWA way to do!



This is a bunch of the fellows in attendance at the Summer picnic held by the Michigan Chapter on August 11, 1971, at Kenwood Park in Cadillac, Michigan, by W8IAC.



New members are signed up like this - first you get a prospect, seated at a table, then, borrow a pen from W6ATC and, PRESTO! L. L. (Red) Stevens, W5TB, Lacombe, Louisiana signs up Homer Gaston, W5CZ, of Alexandria, La. Welcome Homer!

San Diego Chapter News

Norm Hicks, W6JMA writes of a successful brunch meeting of the Chapter with 78 members and guests present for the event which was held at the Vacation Village Hotel in the Mission Bay area. The Program was a presentation of films and a discussion on the recent disastrous fires in the area by a representative of the California Division of Forestry.

A short business meeting was held - the location of the bi-monthly meetings has been changed to St. George's Smorgasbord in Kearny Mesa. A nominating committee was named, together with an increase in the official positions in the Chapter. There was a discussion on writing by-laws and a constitution for the Chapter.

It was reported that John Quincy Adams, WA6EXN became a Silent Key on October 19, 1971. John was a member of the San Diego Chapter, and will be missed by all.

Houston Chapter

Monte Montemayor, W5JKC sends information on activities in the Houston Area: On Saturday, October 16, 1971, the Chapter held a meeting at the Piccadilly Cafeteria at 321 Memorial Shopping Center - the meeting was called for the election of officers as well as other business. Officers actually elected were:

Pete Peterson, W50Y	Chairman
Monte Montemayor, W5JKC	Secretary
Gerry Sears, W5AIR	Director
Dan Whitaker, W5FE	Director
Otho Lindsay, W5FR	Director
Scotty Scott, W5GPD	Director
David Allen, W5KV	Director
Hal Sears, W5NC	Director
Charles Thomsen, W5OP	Director

Meetings are scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each Month at the Picadilly Cafeteria.

The Houston Chapter maintains a well attended On-The-Air meeting, held each Thursday Evening at 8PM local time, on 3876 kHz, with W5JKC as control station.

Monte, W5JKC reported on a fine get-together at Cuero, Texas, the home QTH of Mr. Texas - B. B. Thorn, W5CIX. A good group were on hand to enjoy the comradeship of "BB" and Miss Frances. "BB" is one of the top QCWA enlists!

Don't forget - check your ID card, if it expires on Dec. 31 it's time to send your \$7.00 in for another 3 years membership in QCWA!

The Canton, Ohio Chapter:

Henry McLaughlin, W8OYV sent in a nice report on the August 21 meeting at Uhrichsville. The dinner meeting at the Ohio Buckeye Hotel saw 40 in attendance. The program had been arranged by Vice President John Hoffer, W8CWY and featured Victor C. Clark, W4KFC, the Roanoke Division Director, ARRL. Victor narrated a 20-minute film on amateur stations in the Washington area. Victor brought along some QSL cards from the 1930 period when he was W6KFC and had worked amateurs in the Canton area...W8SJC, W8DNC, W8AL, W8NBK - after 35 years, an eyeball does not happen everyday. Thanks, Vic for a fine program, enjoyed by all.

The November 13th meeting will have featured the election of Officers for the coming year. Be sure to attend: It's on Saturday, at the Brown Derby, West Tuscarawas Street and Whipple Avenue! Well, here's hoping you did attend, and we're looking for a report on the new Officers, with some pictures.

Northern California Chapter News:

Russ Estep, W6AUC sent us a copy of Chapter Bulletin #4. The Bulletin is a good one...The next Directors Meeting is scheduled for December 4, 1971 at 12 noon. The Bulletin carried a Ballot for the election of two Directors of the NorCal Chapter. Those nominated for the 1972 term were: Walter Cooper, W6CDJ; Earle K. Snider, K6TST; Doctor C. C. Everman, W6BCM and Marion Morris, K6GJ.

It was reported that QCWA 50-year service awards were given to Irv F. Gardner, W6LNN and Ralph Heintz, W6RH...we join the Chapter in a Salute to these fine Old-Timers!

Richard C Frey, W6IPK and George F. Clough, W6MCF are new members in the Chapter.

On-the-Air meetings are held on the following schedule:

3907 kHz,	SSB on Sunday 10:00 AM, W6FQA net control
3950	Any mode, Sunday 9:00 AM, W6AUC net control
3768	CW on Sunday 11:00 AM, K6CA net control

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The National QCWA newsletter is to be published quarterly - with issues dated March 30, June 30, Sept. 30 and Dec. 30.. It takes a good deal of time to edit and prepare the newsletter, then printing, addressing and mailing - so, please get your chapter news (or personal news) in early - include photographs, preferably no larger than 4" x 5" just as quickly as possible. In general, all news should be in at least 45 days before the issue date! 60 days is better!!

Washington Chapter

Stan, W3TFA sent in a fine report on the Third Quarterly meeting of the Washington Chapter, held at the Perpetual Bank Building, Bethesda, Maryland on September 29. The meeting was opened by Granny Klink, W3AFV. The Secretary's report was read.

Granny Klink displayed the "Outstanding Civilian Service Medal" which was awarded to Col. E. S. Van Deusen, W3ECP, in recognition of his 20 years of faithful service as State Army MARS Director for Maryland and the District of Columbia.

C. A. Petry, W3AWN presented information on AMSAT Oscar B, solar powered 120 pound amateur satellite scheduled for launch in May, 1972. Information on the ATS (G) high-power amateur satellite to be launched in 1975 with a life of 2 to 5 years was discussed. The unit will illuminate the western hemisphere and has been approved as experimental. A third item - SKYLAB - proposed for 1973 orbit and to be operated with a 10-meter transceiver from both the service module as well as the main station.

The next meeting of the Washington Chapter is scheduled for March 11, 1972 - it will be a banquet with location to be announced later.

Bob Booth, W3PS reported on changes in regulations being considered by the FCC. 28 members were in attendance!

Mid-Continent Chapter

M. J. McAllister, W8CW reports on a QCWA meeting held in Kansas City on October 12, 1971 at the Hereford House. It was a joint meeting, with members of the Kansas City DX Club - 31 persons in attendance.

The meeting featured two nominees for the ARRL Midwest Division directorship, K8NL and W8DU. Both nominees were given time to express their opinions, followed by a good question and answer session. Andy Anderson, K8NL is the present Vice Director - Ray Keller, W8DU is a candidate!

Mac reports that the question and answer session was pretty spirited, and that all of those in attendance stayed until the meeting adjourned - it was one of the best QCWA meetings held since the formation of the Chapter.

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If you can find time, check into the National QCWA Sunday net on 21447 kHz, at 2100 GMT. You'll meet some fine people. Regular net control is W25F, Milt - give him a call!



Henry F. Hopkins, WA6WFL receiving his QCWA 50 year award from Romeo Bilodeau, K6PM, Chairman of the San Diego Chpt.



Dignitaries at the Midwest Chapter Dinner, October 25, 1971
Left to Right are:

Andy Anderson, K0NL - Vice Director Midwest Div., ARRL
Harold Suman, WBAAA - Chairman, Kansas City DX Club
Don Meserve, W0HG - Chm, QCWA Mid-Continent Chapter
Paul Hampton, W0AU - Eng. in Chg. FCC Office, K. C. Mo.
Ray Keller, W0DU - Nominee, ARRL Midwest Div., ARRL

New England Chapter QCWA

Harry Wills, Secretary-Treasurer of the New England Chapter wrote that the 50-year QCWA service award for Horace Young, W1CAB had been delivered and was appreciated. The New England Chapter Officers who were elected at the annual meeting on May 22, 1971 are:

Bill Eglit, K1AAQ	Chairman
John McNassor, W1GVT	Vice-Chairman
Harry Wills, W1DJ	Scty. Treasurer
John Plummer, W1VN	Board Member
Elmer Dunscombe W1ESG	Board Member

A meeting was scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 1971 at Sandy's Resturant in Plainville, Massachusetts. The location had been arranged by Chick Vander Pyl, W1EHS.... We haven't heard how the meeting came out - but bet a good time was had by all! The Century Kids are taking up their residence in Kissimmee, Florida, near Lake Okechobee! K4RO for Ken and K4GBZ for Eunice.

Harry, like all treasurer's says that if you wanna pay your dues it'll make his health and well-being a little better.

Baltimore Chapter

Received a short note from Ray Rock, W3EKZ telling of a successful outing at his farm. Lots of hamburgers and hot-dogs with refreshments of all kinds. Ray, our only problem is you didn't tell us when you had the meeting, and send some pictures next time too! 22 members and friends were in attendance and at least two new members were signed.

Upper Midwest Chapter

We received an announcement of a QCWA meeting to be held Thursday, October 28, 1971 at the President Restaurant in Minneapolis. It was a dinner meeting arranged by Dean Haes and Ray Johnson. The program featured Ted Eckstrom, K9LTX who was to discourse on 2-meter repeaters. We've had no report on the meeting - and no pictures!

Cleveland Chapter, QCWA

The Cleveland Chapter has announced their Fall Stag Banquet to be held Saturday, November 13, 1971 at the Al Koran Shrine Mosque. Please send us a story on the activities with some pictures. The Chapter announcement mentioned that K7UGA had been nominated for President and W4YK had been nominated for Director of QCWA. Well we all know now that both men were elected. Maybe the Cleveland Chapter is like Vermont used to be - in forecasting elections, Hi!

A story from Canada

Our good manager, Gus Girona received a fine letter from a Dr. Beverley Robinson, VE3BMZ sent in connection with an application for the 50-year service award. The following is taken from Dr. Bev's letter:

"In 1925 when I started medical school I packed up my spark coil and one-tube receiver - and did not pick up my license again until the early 1950's. I still have my old helix which went with the $\frac{1}{2}$ kw Thordarson transformer which was used in the old London Amateur Radio Club in 1921. There were less than 10 of us here in London at that time. I still have my first radio tube, and a pair of Murdock phones used in those days...people came from miles around to hear KDKA on those headphones." Dr. Bev reports that he has a Swan 500 with a TA-33 beam and is on the air regularly. He says, "Gus, I have made many friends in Ham Radio - I am glad I was in it in the early days- and - it is a great relaxation for me!"

News from the Akron Ohio Chapter

The Chapter held its summer meeting on June 24th at a fine dinner party. Twenty-two were in attendance at the party.

The Chapter wishes to announce that one of its Charter Members, Bill Fuss, W8LPF has become a silent key. He is sorely missed by his friends.

Chet Ratacki, K8GRO reports that the Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia QDMA net is on the air again in full operation on 3987 kHz every Sunday at 12:30 PM local time. Everyone is invited to check in.

The Fall meeting was scheduled at the Waterloo Brown Derby on Thursday, November 4, 1971 at 7 PM . . . hope it was a good meeting, and that we can get some pictures of the event.

Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter News

Frank Schwab, W8QK reports that the Fall dinner meeting of the Dayton-Cincinnati Chapter was held October 14, 1971 at the Peerless Mill Inn at Miamisburg, Ohio. A total of 60 members with their x-yl's and guests and friends were in attendance. The guest speaker, Mr. John Smith, world traveler and lecturer presented a fine movie with running commentary on his travels in Portugal, Spain and Africa.

New officers of the Chapter are:

Kenneth G. Springon, W8ZZZ Chairman

Frank J. Schwab, W8QK Secretary-Treas.

Prizes were donated by Doc Self, W8FYR, of Kirk Electronics!



Two Beloved old-timers known all over the southwest
On the left, R. E. Armstrong (Army), W5FA of the
San Antonio Chapter; and on the Right, Pronto Poston,
W5AJ, who lives at Pampa, Texas but is a member of
the Dallas Chapter of QCWA. In attendance at Texoma
Hamarama October 29, 30 and 31, 1971.



This one is going to get the Photographer in trouble!
An impromptu scene at Texoma Hamarama, 1971. Left to
Right, in the foreground; Hal Sears, W5NC, Ted Heith-
ecker, W5EJ, Harry Gartsman, W6ATC, Vice President of
QCWA and, Norm Finney, W5IN. Choose your weapons boys!

Dallas Chapter, Houston Chapter, Tyler Chapter, Shreveport Chapter, San Antonio Chapter, Texla Golden Triangle Chapter, Gulf Coast Chapter, Tulsa Chapter and Wichita Mountain Chapter all combined in a meeting - TEXOMA HAMARAMA, 1971!!

The whole southwest area came and they came and then kept coming - October 29, 30 and 31 at the finest Hamarama yet. 522 were registered at the last count! Darned if I don't believe that half of them were QCWA members who came from Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Lord knows where else.

QCWA meetings were held on Saturday evening during which time Hal Sears, W5NC; Harry Gartsman, W6ATC and Roy Albright, W5EYB (QCWA, and ARRL Director) spoke on various matters dealing with general amateur matters.

On Sunday Morning, October 31 the Annual QCWA Breakfast was attended by over-flow crowds. The Breakfast is always followed by a meeting presided over by Bert Gunn, W5FU. Bert is one of the best known QCWA members in the area, and handles the Sunday morning QCWA meeting on the air, 7251 kHz during which some 75 to 85 members regularly check-in and have their turn at talking. Bert has handled this meeting for six or seven years, and is beloved by all. During the Breakfast meeting Bert presented Ed Serur, W5CND who is Chairman of the Tyler Chapter - Ed made the presentation of the 50-year service award to Fred Post, K5VKD. Following this, Bert yielded the Chair to Paul Crossno, W5HT to make the official Charter presentation for the Wichita Mountain Chapter to Bartow Huff, W5AHD. Bert called the roll of regular meeting on the air members who stood and gave their calls in identification...Hal Sears, W5NC took the floor for a few remarks and then introduced Harry Gartsman, W6ATC to spoke briefly in greeting the group as Vice President of QCWA. Harry made a presentation of an honorary service award to Hal Sears and an orchid to Marie Sears, his delightful x-yl. Nearing the end of the breakfast meeting, Raymond Willis, W5ATO asked for the floor and was asked to come forward....Raymond made personal gifts to the following QCWA members: W5HT, W5NC, W5NT, W5IQ, W5EJ, W5FA and W5AHD. These awards were personalized desk plates, made of polished Oklahoma granite, individually engraved...they are beautiful and while we didn't deserve them, we're darn glad to have them Raymond, Thanks!

The Hamarama ended Sunday noon with a big dinner and prize drawing. Mrs. W5HT (Bertine) won the grand prize!!

Thanks are due to the Hamarama Committee for work which made the meeting a success. A few who worked hard are: Les Edmonds, W5GGO, Chuck Vanderpool, W5NT, Jack Gant, W5GM, Ray Brian, W5IQ and his Lady, Mary who handled all registrations, etc. There were others - to them and all, Thanks!



Mr and Mrs Frank Frimerman, W2FZ at the
24th Annual QCWA Dinner Party, October 22,
1971 at Tarrytown, N. Y.



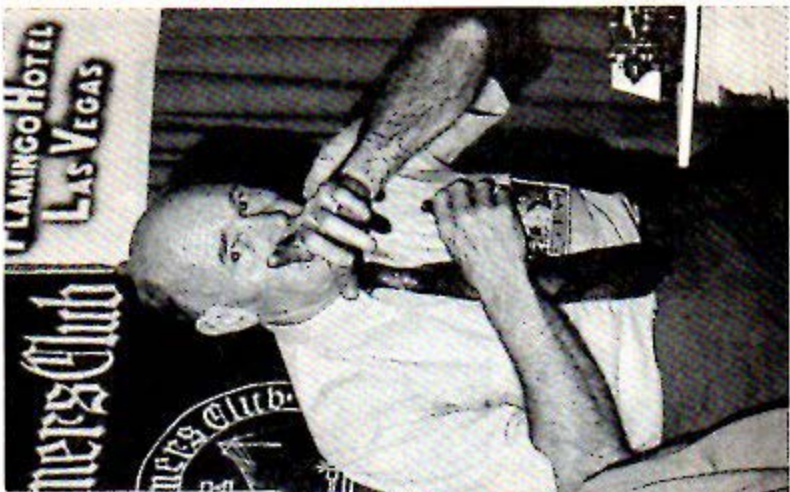
Directors at the 24th Annual Dinner, Tarrytown, N. Y.
Left to Right: George Bailey, W2KH; H. H. Robinson,
W3RE; Art E. Miligan, W8KM; Hal Sears, W5NC.

The head table was so long that it was impossible to
get everyone in one picture! Boy what a meeting!



Picture taken at Anaheim ARRL Convention, Sept. 4, 5, & 6, 1971. Left to Right: -

W2UE, Gus Gironde, Mgr., QCWA
K6PM, Renee Bilodeau, Chm.,
San Diego Chapter QCWA
W6EL, Bert Ayers, Printer Extraordinary, So. Cal. Chapter, QCWA





HARRISBURG CHAPTER: W3JXQ presenting 50 yr awards to L-R W3AQC, W3ND, W2NA and K2BX

HARRISBURG CHAPTER (W3AQC) - At a special meeting with the annual fly-in of the "Old Buzzards" group at the Capitol Motel Harrisburg, this year, 50 year awards were presented to the following by the Chairman W3JXQ:- W3ND, K2BX and W3AQC. On Oct 22d a stag dinner was held at Tedd's Landing, Shamokin Dam, Pa., primarily for the convenience of their members in the Williamsport area. 12 members attended and enjoyed an excellent repast and good fellowship.

FROM W2JC

Many members have written to express their gratitude for past favors. This office is ever willing to assist the members in every way possible and within my ability to assist them. That is what I am here for, and in helping the members I also enjoy my part in being able to help. Maybe this little saying from some unknown author will express my willingness to help people: "I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again".

Color photos do not reproduce, so please send black and white photos only. We have printed some that have been sent in, but we tried to do our best.

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